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## ***Democratic Republic of the Congo – Complex Emergency***

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*Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 26, 2008.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- The November 27 to December 2 seizure of the border town of Ishasha in Rutshuru Territory by National Congress of the Defense of the People (CNDP) forces resulted in significant population displacement towards Uganda, according to U.N. reports. In addition, an escalation of fighting between CNDP and Mai-Mai factions in several locations southwest of Masisi town in Masisi Territory beginning on November 27 led to the evacuation of humanitarian staff and further displacement.
- USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff based in Goma continue to monitor population movements and assess humanitarian conditions in North Kivu Province, facilitate coordination and information sharing among U.N. and relief agencies, and work with implementing partners to address the needs of conflict-affected populations.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
North Kivu IDPs <sup>1</sup> since August 2008	252,000	OCHA <sup>2</sup> – November 2008
Total North Kivu IDPs	1,000,000	OCHA – November 2008
Congolese Refugees since August 2008	27,000	UNHCR <sup>3</sup> – December 2008
Total Congolese Refugees	310,000	UNHCR – November 2008

### **FY 2009 AND FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

USAID/OFDA Assistance to DRC.....	\$23,191,178
USAID/FFP <sup>4</sup> Assistance to DRC .....	\$100,973,000
STATE/PRM <sup>5</sup> Assistance to DRC .....	\$33,989,988
<b>Total USAID and State Assistance to DRC .....</b>	<b>\$158,154,166</b>

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- The presence of armed groups in North Kivu Province continues to destabilize the region and fuel population movements. As of November 28, the U.N. reported that the CNDP nominally controlled Rutshuru Territory and 60 percent of Masisi Territory. Recent insecurity has displaced an estimated 25,000 people from areas south of Masisi town, according to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF). As of December 3, the U.N. reported continued fighting between CNDP and Mai-Mai factions in the area.
- Despite recent CNDP advances in Rutshuru Territory, the U.N. reported that approximately 70 percent of the estimated 60,000 Kanyabayonga residents have returned in recent days, following the retreat of armed groups and the cessation of Armed Forces of the DRC (FARDC) looting in the area. However, USAID/DART staff note that the significant presence of FARDC forces continues to impede response efforts.
- In areas of southern Lubero Territory, OCHA reported that redeployment of humanitarian staff to previously evacuated areas started on November 24.

### ***Displacement***

- As a result of fighting and armed opposition group offensives in the northern section of North Kivu Province, 13,000 refugees arrived in Uganda between November 26 and 27, according to UNHCR. However, humanitarian agencies note preliminary reports of refugee returns to DRC following the December 2 withdrawal of CNDP forces from Ishasha town. In addition, a November UNHCR survey of Congolese refugees in the Nakivale refugee settlement in

<sup>1</sup> Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

<sup>2</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

<sup>3</sup> Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

<sup>4</sup> USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

Uganda indicated that 30 percent of refugees are willing to return to DRC, while 8 percent are unwilling, and 62 percent remain undecided.

- Since August, UNHCR estimates that approximately 27,000 DRC refugees have crossed the border into Uganda, including 9,800 refugees transferred to Nakivale refugee settlement, 7,000 located at the Mutanda transit center, and an additional 6,500 refugees residing with host families near the border. In response to the increased influx of refugees, UNHCR plans to establish an additional transit center in Uganda to accommodate up to 50,000 people in the coming days.
- On November 27, USAID/DART staff traveled to Kibumba in Nyiragongo Territory and Rugari, Kalengera, Rutshuru, Kiwanja, and Kinyadoni in Rutshuru Territory to assess displacement and humanitarian conditions. As of November 27, USAID/DART staff reported that residents of Kibumba and Rugari remained displaced, noted limited returns in Rubare and Kalengera, and estimated that 25 percent of Kiwanja residents had returned.
- USAID/DART staff also visited the spontaneous IDP camp established adjacent to the MONUC base near Kiwanja that currently hosts approximately 6,000 IDPs and continues to expand, according to humanitarian agencies. However, the majority of IDPs from the area fled to Goma or Kanyabayonga following early November clashes and ongoing insecurity.

### ***Health***

- During the week of November 23, UNICEF reported an additional 529 cases of cholera and 4 deaths in North Kivu. Findings from a joint U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) and U.N. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Cluster evaluation of North Kivu cholera treatment centers and IDP camps highlighted the need for improved sanitation facilities in camps and water access in treatment and health centers.
- In FY 2008 and FY 2009 to date, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$1.6 million in support of rapid water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions to improve water quality and access in conflict-affected areas of eastern DRC.
- UNICEF also reported 140 cases of measles and 4 deaths in North Kivu Province during the week of November 23. Despite November 27 clashes surrounding Masisi town, UNICEF completed measles vaccinations for 4,300 children between the ages of 6 and 59 months in the area, increasing the total number of children vaccinated during the current campaign to more than 21,000 to date.

### ***Protection***

- In response to protection concerns regarding the proximity of the Kibati IDP camp to the frontlines, the U.N. started voluntary transfers of IDPs from Kibati camp to Mugunga I camp on November 28. As of December 1, the U.N. had relocated 92 vulnerable families. On December 2, USAID/DART staff visited the new site designated to accommodate additional Kibati IDPs at Mugunga III camp and reported ongoing preparations. Mugunga III is scheduled to begin receiving IDPs during the week of December 9, according to UNHCR. However, USAID/DART staff note that Kibati camp will remain open and movement to Mugunga III is not mandatory.

### ***Access and Logistics***

- On November 26, UNICEF reported that the U.N. Logistics Cluster opened storage facilities in Beni Territory in northern North Kivu Province to facilitate non-governmental organization and U.N. agency relief commodity distributions, as well as a warehouse in Entebbe, Uganda, for overland commodity transport to Goma, North Kivu. In addition, the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) started passenger flights between Kinshasa and Goma during the week of November 26.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- On October 15, 2008, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Samuel V. Brock redeclared a disaster in response to the ongoing humanitarian emergency in the DRC.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$23 million in humanitarian assistance to the DRC, primarily targeting beneficiaries in North Kivu and South Kivu provinces. At present, USAID/OFDA is supporting programs in nutrition, health, agriculture, food security, logistics and relief commodities, economy and market systems, protection, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and shelter and settlements. USAID/OFDA maintains two permanent program officers in DRC.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/FFP has provided nearly \$101 million to meet the food needs of conflict-affected persons throughout eastern DRC, including 63,810 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance and funding for administrative support. In addition, USAID/FFP maintains a permanent FFP officer in the DRC responsible for monitoring food security-related activities.
- State/PRM provided nearly \$34 million to UNHCR, WFP, and NGO partners for protection and assistance and repatriation and reintegration programs benefiting returning refugees, IDPs, and host communities in FY 2008.

## USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2009

FY 2009			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Handicap International	Economy and Market Systems	South Kivu Province	\$150,000
Merlin	Health, Nutrition, Protection, and WASH	North Kivu Province	\$750,000
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu Province, Orientale Province	\$3,867,651
	Administrative Support	Countrywide	\$128,820
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$4,896,471</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
U.N. World Food Program (WFP)	20,870 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Maniema, and Equateur Provinces	\$29,958,900
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$29,958,900</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$34,855,371</b>
FY 2008			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Air Service International (ASI)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$4,449,269
Concern	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems, and Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu Province	\$784,398
German Agro Action (GAA)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems	Ituri Province	\$1,646,047
Handicap International	Health	North Kivu Province	\$416,494
International Medical Corps (MC)	Health, WASH, Nutrition, and Protection	North Kivu Province	\$2,820,203
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection, and WASH	North Kivu Province	\$2,000,000
Mercy Corps	WASH	North Kivu Province	\$772,872
Merlin	Health, Nutrition, Protection, and WASH	North Kivu Province	\$842,953
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems, Protection	North Kivu Province	\$2,071,058
UNICEF	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Shelter and Settlements	North Kivu Province	\$1,000,000
	Administrative Support	Countrywide	\$991,413
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$18,294,707</b>

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE <sup>2</sup>			
WFP	42,940 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Maniema, and Equateur Provinces	\$68,972,700
Food for the Hungry International (FHI)	Administrative Support for P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga Province	\$2,041,400
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$71,014,100</b>
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Refugee Assistance, Livelihoods	Katanga Province	\$1,000,000
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Shelter and Settlements	South Kivu Province	\$698,057
Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA)	Health	Katanga Province	\$20,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture and Food Security	Katanga Province	\$900,000
Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)	Psychosocial Services	Katanga Province	\$897,285
FHI	Agriculture and Food Security, Health	Katanga Province	\$1,173,463
International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC)	Emergency Relief for IDPs and Conflict Victims	Countrywide	\$8,500,000
IMC	Health, WASH, Protection	South Kivu Province	\$1,500,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Refugee Repatriation from Zambia	Katanga Province	\$500,000
Tearfund	Education	South Kivu Province	\$941,183
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance and Repatriation, Protection	Countrywide	\$12,300,000
UNHCR	IDP Assistance, Protection	Countrywide	\$5,160,000
WFP	Agriculture and Food Security, Refugee Assistance	Katanga Province, South Kivu Province	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$33,989,988</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$89,308,807</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$123,298,795</b>
FY 2008 AND FY 2009			
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>			<b>\$23,191,178</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>			<b>\$100,973,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>			<b>\$33,989,988</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC</b>			<b>\$158,154,166</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of December 4, 2008.<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

## **PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in the DRC may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)